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SUBJ: NEW UPPER VOLTAN GOVERNMENT FORMED

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1. THE LONG AWAITED NEW UPPER VOLTAN GOVERNMENT WAS FORMED
LAST NIGHT. OF THE 19 CABINET MINISTERS, EIGHT WERE RETAINED
FROM THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT.

2. THE LIST OF MINISTERS FOLLOWS:
PRIME MINISTER: DR. ISSOUFOU JOSEPH CONOMBO
MINISTER OF INTERIOR: DAOUDA TRAORE
MINISTER OF JUSTICE : MOISE LANKOANDE
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS: MOUSSAIKARGOUGOU (INCUMBENT)
MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE: FRANCOIS BOUDA
MINISTER OF FINANCE: CAPT LEONARD KALMOGO (INCUMBENT)
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MINISTER OF PLAN: GEORGES SONOGOH
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT: WELETE ISSA PALE
MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCE AND MINES:
AMADOU DIALLO
MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS: COMMANDANG MAHAMOUDOU OUEDRAOGO
(INCUMBENT)
MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION AND CULTURE: DOMBA KONATE

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH:
AROUNA TRAORE
MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND POPULATION: TINGA DOUAMBA
(INCUMBENT)
MINISTER OF LABOR : FRANCOIS NYABKETA KABORE
MINISTER OF INFORMATION: EDOUARD TANI (INCUMBENT)
MINISTER OF PTT: PAUL ISMAEL OUEDRAOGO (INCUMBENT)
MINISTER OF YOUTH AND SPORTS: DRAMANE SANON
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM: GANI AMADOU TAMBOURA
(INCUMBENT)
MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND CONDITIONS OF WOMEN:
MRS. MOISE ALASSANE TRAORE NEE FATIMATA (INCUMBENT)
MINISTER CHARGED WITH PRIME MINISTER'S RELATIONS WITH
THE PARLIAMENT: CELESTIN MAGNANI.

3. THE PRIME MINISTER HAD REPORTEDLY ATTEMPTED TO
FORM A CABINET WITH OPPOSITION GROUP PARTICIPATION
AND HAD OFFERED THE NEW MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND
RESEARCH AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOR TO THE UPV. THE OFFER
WAS DECLINED BY UPV LEADER PROFESSOR KI-ZERBO, AND THE PRIME
MINISTER MOVED TO FORM A GOVERNMENT EXCLUSIVELY OF
THE MAJORITY LAMIZANA SUPPORTER PARTY.

4. COMMENT: MENTION OF KARGOUGOU AS FORMER WILL EASE PROCESS
OF RESUMING BILATERAL CONTACTS WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT,
WHICH HAS FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES BEEN SUSPENDED
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DURING THE GOVERNMENT IMPASSE FOR ALL EXCEPT ROUTINE
MATTERS. KARGOUGOU, AS WELL AS MADAME TRAORE--
ANOTHER INCUMBENT NAMED, WILL BE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN
MISS LILLIAN'S VISIT.

5. THE REPLACEMENT OF MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
WININGA BY PALE REMOVES FROM A SENSITIVE
POST AN INCUMBENT WELL KNOWN FOR HIS OPPOSITION TO
PRESIDENT LAMIZANA. KALMOGO HAS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION
FOR TECHNICAL MASTRY OF HIS MINISTRY AND ITS FUNCTIONS.
ANOTHER INCUMBENT RETAINED, MAJOR MAHAMOUDOU OUEDRAOGO
AS MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS, KEEPS IN THE CABINET A
HIGHLY RESPECTED OFFICER WHO HAD BEEN RUMORED AS A
POSSIBLE CANDIDATE FOR THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE. THE MAN
NAMED TO THE DEFENSE MINISTRY, FRANCOIS BOUDA IS THE DOYEN
D'AGE OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND WILL NOT BE EXPECTED
TO EXERCISE FORCE AND AUTHORITY OUTSIDE THAT DIRECTLY
DELEGATED BY PRESIDENT LAMIZANA AND THE PRIME MINISTER. KILLION

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